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Ref: DODOIG-2018-000921

SENT VIA EMAIL TO: vdesimone@csis.org

Victoria DeSimone Center for Strategic and International Studies 1616 Rhode Island Avenue NW Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. DeSimone:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a demographic breakdown in the SES vs. Civil Service. We received your request on September 12, 2018, and assigned it the FOIA tracking number referenced above. Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

The Chief of Staff, Mission Support Team conducted a search and located documents responsive to your request. We determined that the documents are appropriate for release in full. This constitutes a full grant of your request.

If you consider this an adverse determination, you may submit an appeal. Your appeal, if any, must be dated within 90 days of the date of this letter, clearly identify the determination that you would like to appeal, and reference the FOIA number above. Send your appeal to the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General, ATTN: FOIA Appellate Authority, Suite 10B24, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350-1500, or via facsimile to (571) 372-7498. For more information on appellate matters and administrative appeal procedures, please refer to 32 C.F.R. Sec. 286.9(e) and 286.11(a).

You may seek dispute resolution services and assistance with your request from the DoD OIG FOIA Public Liaison Officer at (703) 604-9785, or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at (877) 684-6448, ogis@nara.gov, or https://ogis.archives.gov/. You may also contact OGIS via regular mail at National Archives and Records Administration Office of Government Information Services, 8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Please note that OGIS mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. However, OGIS does not have the authority to mediate requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974 (request to access one's own records.)

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Government Information Specialist, Ms. Anna Rivera at (703) 699-7556 or via email to foiarequests@dodig.mil. Please reference the above FOIA tracking number on any correspondence.

Sincerely,

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FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Enclosure(s): As stated